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## School closing

### Victoria Street Adult Education Centre relocates

By Douglas Pugh

Rumours have been flying for more than a week regarding the future of the Victoria Street Adult Education Centre in Haliburton. The rumours created fears of job losses.

Following a meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) on April 24, the future of the centre was made clear. After a board vote, it was decided that the Adult Education facility will be moved to the old board offices next to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"There will be no layoffs or reduction in staff or student numbers," said Catherine Sheldon, Communications Officer for the TLDSB. "The educational programs will just continue as they are, but obviously from the new site."

The same vote involved two other buildings in Huntsville and Bracebridge, one of which will be relocated; the other has been unused for some time.

"The redundant buildings will follow our set process," said Sheldon. "They will be offered to other educational establishments or even the municipality, but once notified they have a 90-day period to respond. If we have no bidders via that process, then I believe that they will be offered for sale on the market."

If it were to remain open, the 80-year-old Victoria Street facility would face growing maintenance costs.

The school's staff are seeing the move in a positive light. "I've been here since we first moved in, when it was nothing more than two classrooms and a washroom that we used," said head of administration, Lori Sargent. "We're going to a newer building and we aren't losing any programs – that's the key thing. With our job it's about what we do and who we are, not where we are."

The core programs of hospitality and music will certainly continue. Should you wish to take in a monthly performance at McKecks Blue Line, a select number of students perform on the first Wednesday of every month.

"The students are amazing and we get great help from volunteers who spend a lot of time with them," added Sargent.



### Fire guts Haliburton home

By Mark Arike

A fire caused by the lighting of a pellet stove has destroyed a home at 1263 Burke Rd., just outside the Village of Haliburton. The damage is estimated at \$250,000. On April 27, 11 Dysart et al firefighters responded to the fire at 11:53 am, which at that time had already fully engulfed the structure. It took them four hours to put the fire out. Fire chief Miles Maughan told *The Highlander* that the owner of the home, Linda Johnson, was the one lighting the stove. No charges will be laid. The Ontario Fire Marshall was called in to investigate.

## Bridges dedicated to fallen officers

### Memorial service draws public protectors from outlying regions

By Lisa Harrison

Family, friends and colleagues filled the Minden Community Centre on April 26 for the memorial service dedicating three local bridges to fallen Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers. With Constable Sandy Adams serving as master of ceremonies, the speakers included MPP Laurie Scott,

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, OPP Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey, Acting Staff Sergeant and Haliburton Highlands detachment Commander Mike Landry and retired Provincial Constable Barry Connally.

The immediate families of the three slain officers were in attendance, as were local members of council, and representatives of municipal and provincial police forces from several Ontario divisions and detachments.

Following the piping in of the colours, speakers expressed their sorrow at the need for such a memorial, their respect for the fallen officers and their gratitude to the families for their service and sacrifice.

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# County news

## Progress for EMS base and fire hall in Minden

### Engineering department to prepare survey tender

By Lisa Harrison

The County of Haliburton plans to pursue the next step for the proposed new EMS base/fire hall facility site in Minden: geotechnical and hydrogeological surveys of the property.

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Councilors discussed this and other options during an April 25 presentation by architect Ronald Awde of his final report for programming, space planning, design and construction of a new county EMS base and Minden fire hall at the old Walker Fuels service station between Bobcaygeon Rd. and South Lake Rd. (Cty Rd. 16).

The county and Minden Hills have agreed to investigate the viability of the joint construction venture on the county-owned property and Minden Hills covered 50 percent of the architect's costs for this purpose.

A geotechnical survey would assist planners and council in understanding the scope and potential cost of large-scale rock removal and reconfiguration of slopes to adjoining property's. A hydrogeological survey would assist them in determining any potential groundwater movement issues that could arise from those rock and earth changes.

Awde reported that a one-storey building had emerged as the preferred model in terms of operational efficiency and cost effectiveness and he presented four options: two combining the EMS base and fire hall facility (approximately 12,000 sq. ft.) and two with a stand-alone EMS base (approximately 5,000 sq. ft.) in case council chose to move in that direction.

At the suggestion of council, the southernmost block of the property was given greater consideration to allow for future development on the two deeper/more desirable northern blocks near the intersection of Hwy 35 and Cty Rd. 16. However, the combined building was shown in the centre section to allow sufficient room. Awde also presented options to use either of the two northern blocks.

Projected costs for the joint facility range from \$2.8 to \$3.1 million, while costs for the stand-alone EMS base

would range from \$1.28 to \$1.53 million. All estimates included fees and permits but excluded furnishings and equipment. The report noted that estimates should be regarded as preliminary and subject to change depending upon market forces and decisions made during tender and construction.

Awde's report indicated that combining the two buildings would net "significant" estimated capital costs savings of up to \$230,000, along with conservatively estimated savings of as much as \$4,000 in energy costs annually.

Warden Murray Fearrey told Awde that estimated costs of \$200 to \$250 per square foot were likely low and predicted they would be closer to \$300 to \$350 per square foot. Awde acknowledged that costs could go higher given variables in the next stages (some of the variables would be revealed by the surveys) but questioned that it would go as high as \$350.

Council discussions and questions for Awde and county roads department director Doug Ray centred primarily on the need for geotechnical and hydrogeological surveys of the property before determining next steps, cost sharing among the townships and council and sale of the remaining two property blocks to raise funds to offset costs.

Following discussion, Fearrey requested that the county engineering department prepare a tender for a geotechnical and hydrogeological survey of the property and that Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid provide a clear decision on the township's assuming a financial role in the venture going forward. Reid committed to discussing it with her council and providing a response in writing.

Council voted to receive Awde's report for information.



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# County news



## "It was the blackest night I ever worked."

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Provincial Constable Eric Nystedt of the Haliburton detachment was killed when he and his partner investigated the report of a domestic dispute in Kinmount in the early hours of July 3, 1993. The suspect had run into the bush and as the officers searched for him, he attacked Nystedt from behind and stabbed him to death.

Landry, Nystedt's partner at the time, struggled with emotion as he paid tribute to the young man who had been a close friend and showed so much promise after only three years on the force.

"It was the blackest night I ever worked," said Landry.

Nystedt's brother, Scott, now a superintendent with the Ottawa detachment and the reason Eric entered the force, said, "As his big brother and chaperone, I felt comfortable in Ottawa knowing he was happy down here."

In thanking the Haliburton Highlands detachment for the tribute, Nystedt said many memorials have been established for his brother over the years and that this bridge dedication and earlier memorials "mean more to my family than you would ever know."

The bridge honouring Nystedt is located on Hwy. 35, just north of the Village of Minden. It was chosen because the route leads to Nystedt's birthplace of Sault Ste. Marie.

Detective Sergeant Lorne Chapitis and Corporal James Smith of the Peterborough detachment were killed on December 11, 1968 while responding to a call from officers at the Minden detachment to assist in the case of a mentally ill man on South Lake Rd. When they approached the house at the man's request, unarmed and hands raised to show they posed no threat, the man fired three times. Chapitis was killed instantly and Smith died minutes later.

Deputy Commissioner Beechey noted that law enforcement

practices have changed over the years and officers no longer negotiate face-to-face. Nevertheless, "every day is a danger to our people and I commend all officers who are here," he said to the dozens of uniformed officers in attendance.

Smith's son, James G. Smith, and Chapitis's daughter, Dianne Chapitis, spoke on behalf of their families.

Smith said that while his daughter and son never knew their grandfather, tributes such as these bring meaning to their loss. He thanked the OPP, the OPP association and the Province of Ontario for this memorial and said it "makes tangible the value we place on all who put the safety of their communities ahead of their own."

"I've been thinking a lot about bridges and how they build peace," said Chapitis. She related this to the ways in which her father worked to build peace, as do all officers, and thanked the detachment for honouring her father in this manner.

The bridges dedicated to Chapitis and Smith are located along Hwy. 35, north of Minden near Moore's Falls. They were chosen because they stand at the entrance to the Highlands and because they stand together, as did the two officers on the night of their deaths.

Following their speeches, the speaker for each family unveiled the bridge sign dedicated to the officer.

During the ceremony Prov. Const. Rob Orlowski of the Haliburton Highlands detachment was recognized for his dedication and effort in securing the bridge memorials for the three officers.

The ceremony closed with blessings by Rev. Gerry McMillan, OPP chaplain.

The bridge signs were installed by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario in the fall and have now been unveiled by the MTO.

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# Editorial opinion



## Feeling small

By Bram Lebo

Nobody likes to feel small. The sense that others are trampling over you can cause a lot of stress, especially when the result is a major change to your life's plans. In fact, many people move to the Highlands specifically to escape the city feeling of being an insignificant cog in a giant machine.

Escape may not be so easy. This week we had several letters commenting on the location of the new Tim Hortons in Haliburton. All of them follow the same theme: that a popular business will be located in a residential area, leading to traffic and noise for those who moved there in search of peace and quiet. The complaints generally revolve around zoning — that residential and commercial areas should be well-separated.

The debate is different from, yet similar in some ways, to that surrounding the MNR's Clear Lake "proposal" to further restrict land use in the area. There, local residents are upset that access to their properties may be curtailed and that uses for which they enjoyed the land for many years will now be prohibited.

What both situations have in common are governments — in one case local, in another provincial — enacting decisions that have real impact on individuals, in some cases without sufficient consultation with local residents. To be fair, governments are not in the business of catering to individuals; their objective is (should be) to focus on the greater good. Sometimes that means upsetting a few people for the benefit of the majority.

But it's hard to see that rationale at play with the new Tim Hortons. Surely a space could be found in a more commercial part of town, closer to other businesses? As an added benefit, an outlet closer to town would allow people to walk instead of taking their cars.

Likewise, the recent actions of the MNR, both at Clear Lake and, as reported last week, near the Essenville Line, seem to pursue objectives where the greater good is not necessarily clear.

It's incumbent on governments at all levels to recognize the effects of their decisions and actions on real people — the people who live here, pay taxes and vote. Perhaps that's why our MPP, Laurie Scott, recently introduced a private member's bill to do exactly that: force a consideration of social and economic impacts when the Province enacts environmental policy. Private member's bills tend not to go very far, particularly when coming from a member of the Opposition; but we appreciate the point Ms Scott is making, that there has to be a balance between policy at the theoretical level and the effects on real people.

Real people, after all, are what make up our society — not zoning or land-use regulations. We have an obligation therefore to take their concerns seriously, to listen and try to satisfy as many people as possible whenever change is proposed. Even if the number affected is small, the principle of fairness is not.



### A fun evening with the Dogpatch Dollies

By Mark Arike

One-hundred-and-thirty people raised approximately \$3,000 for the Dogpatch Dollies — a local Relay for Life team — on Saturday, April 28. The fundraiser, which was held at the West Guilford Community Centre, included a loonie auction, dinner and a rockin' DJ in the form of Canoe FM's Ron Murphy. Photos by Janis Parker.

## Letters to the Editor

### Pool survey needs your participation

**Dear Editor:**

Many thanks to Bram Lebo for his editorial (April 26 edition of *The Highlander*) on the need and benefits of an indoor swimming pool in the County of Haliburton.

Yes, the County Swimming Pool Initiative is going to engage a consultant to do a Market Demand Feasibility Study to determine if there are enough people in the county who would use a pool and recreation centre for a fee of approximately \$46 a month per adult in order to support the facility's operating costs.

Bram says there are a couple of pitfalls of phone surveys — that they are not always accurate because not enough concerned people answer the phone calls. Yes, that worries our group too. That's why we're going to initiate a "Don't Hang Up on Us!" advertising campaign to try and ensure that people take the time to answer the survey.

Bram also says that some people will say yes, they'll use a pool and are willing to pay the membership fee; but when the facility is built they'll have something better to do. However, according to our research, the YMCAs actually get more members than they expect from their surveys because once people see how beautiful it is and how it can help them achieve better health, they want to use it.

Most of the people in the county who we talk to really want a pool and recreation centre with fitness equipment, but a few say swimming in the lake is good enough. Presumably, they're worried about tax increases.

Let's suppose the facility was owned by the county and it didn't pay for itself and there was a small tax increase. Our calculations indicate the taxpayer might have to pay under \$3 per \$100,000 of assessed property value per year to support the facility.

Then suppose some of these people who swim in the lake had an injury or got arthritis or another chronic condition and their doctors recommended swimming in warm water. They'd have to drive to Bracebridge or Huntsville twice a week for rehabilitation. How much would the gas cost them for those trips, compared to the small tax increase? Let alone the discomfort and danger of driving those roads in winter.

A membership at a YMCA may be a little too pricey for some County residents, but the YMCAs offer discounted memberships to individuals and families with low incomes. The YMCA "Strong Kids Campaign" does fundraising in the communities to pay for these discounts.

I grew up in Hamilton. I learned to swim when I was eight years old and I've swum regularly ever since. I also took lifesaving lessons when I was in my early 20s. I believe that every child in the County of Haliburton has the right to learn to swim, not just those whose parents can afford to drive them to a distant pool in winter or to supervise them at the lake in the summer. And I hope that if I were in need of assistance when I was in the water that there would be someone with training to save my life.

If you receive a call from a telephone surveyor regarding a recreation centre with a pool, please answer the questions and think seriously about how you, or your children or grandchildren might make use of this facility.

**Gay Bell, Chair  
County Swimming Pool Initiative**

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# Letters to the Editor

## A losing battle for homeowners

**Dear Editor:**

My sympathies to the Warrens (see April 26 edition of *The Highlander*) who built their retirement dream home only to find they may well have to live opposite a popular coffee franchise. Or sell, perhaps, at a loss and relocate.

During the heady days of federally mandated citizen participation in the 70s, the establishment of Official Plans and other complementary planning tools encouraged the thought amongst citizens that once accomplished, zoning would fit within an agreed larger vision and then remain viable and permanent.

At that time, as a citizen activist, I was dismayed to find that when the ink was scarcely dry on the new plans and their related zoning restrictions, the impatient backlog of change demands started to make their inevitable *and successful* way through the local planning process. So much for zoning.

Haliburton is experiencing much needed change and growth. But this always comes, it seems, with a downside and the Warren's are suffering significantly from that. This area has exhibited, for some time, what might be called 'Horton envy,' made more acute once Minden 'got theirs.'

Many previously rumoured locations for this necessity of local life were considered but ultimately denied. The possibility of re-location at this point is, I would suspect, nil. As well, the village now, for goodness sake, is about to get yet another traffic light! New condos are on the market, as well as a new apartment to be constructed near the Warren's. Their present retirement location will continue to attract an inevitable increase in traffic and noise, even without the coffee franchise.

Unexpected and unwelcome zoning changes are very unsettling. Consider the situation of those who discovered they only owned surface rights on their land and that mining companies could trample over their dreams and their property without recourse.

The Warren's case is illustrative of the fact that Official Plans and zoning regulations are only *guidelines*, not *guarantees*.

**Margery Cartwright**  
Haliburton

## The Outsider — To cap it all

It sat not on but perched atop his head, the peak pushed back and skewed at an angle. He sauntered slowly across the gas station forecourt. No one was going to rush him. He couldn't have rushed if he'd wanted to, as his jeans hung low, the crotch almost at his knees.

Rushing is also difficult when you're over 80 years of age.

It was while filling my car with gas that I caught sight of this old guy and it struck me that he was the height of bad-boy ghetto chic. All that was needed was a chunky gold medallion and pair of over-sized laceless sneakers, rather than his oversized laced-with-string work boots and the transformation would have been complete.

Fashion trends go in cycles, we all know that. Anyone older than the age of 35 will have seen their teenage trend come around again: slightly reworked maybe, but essentially just freshened up and rolled out for a new generation of gullible. Sorry, design conscious youngsters. In fact, as I write this there will be teens wandering the halls of Haliburton High in the same garishly clashing colours and suitably baggy pants that I sported in the 1980s.

Did I really look that ridiculous? Or have I become boring and cranky with age, preferring to blend in rather than stand out?

But what about gas station baseball cap guy. Did he know that he was gangsta-stylee? Was he making

## A Tim Hortons in Haliburton – is it a misfit?

**Dear Editor:**

Where will it be located in Haliburton? There's a Tim Hortons 20 minutes from Haliburton, located in Minden next-door to the gas station on the north side of the four-lane Hwy 35, which has wide shoulders to accommodate the flow of traffic.

Hwy 118 is Haliburton's two-lane, flow-through highway where travelers and residents would expect to find a drive-through coffee shop like Tim Hortons.

On the Maple Ave. section of Hwy 118 in Haliburton, the Village Court Café provides a similar service during business hours.

Haliburton Village usually experiences traffic congestion on busy holiday weekends, so a Hwy 118 location for Tim Hortons seems more suitable to allow folks to relax with their coffee, and safely enter and exit the establishment, assuming that the entrance/exit would be located in a widened four-lane section of the highway. Also, a reduced speed zone may increase the safety factor for drivers who pay attention to posted speed limits.

What benefits does a Tim Hortons bring to our community? Jobs and taxes are the obvious economic benefits to Dysart et al. And a nearby location for Tim Hortons fans to frequent.

Although, Tim Hortons' pay rates are on the lower side of the scale, many folks would be happy to be employed in this service industry and earn a full or part-time income.

What are the detriments? Inevitably, there would be pollution – a significant increase in vehicle exhaust fumes, an increase in noise levels from vehicles and the audible ordering system, and

an increase in night-light pollution and the accompanying litter along the roadway.

Another consideration is the cost to establish safe traffic access by widening the two-lane Hwy 118 into four lanes in the vicinity of the entrance/exit.

Is Tim Hortons a fit for Haliburton? We're a growing community and all legitimate commerce is welcomed.

An appropriately located Tim Hortons on Highway 118 zoned for commercial use would encourage other business to locate in the vicinity.

This already exists on Hwy 118 west of the Village where we have Sears, the Haliburton Community Funeral Home and Marty's Health Foods, to mention a few.

Is there a future plan for Haliburton to develop a commercial business park? This concept, popular with many growing communities, could be an opportunity for the establishment of new businesses like Tim Hortons, as well as professional offices and other clean industries.

The streets, roads and avenues that constitute the core of our Village have their own charm and purpose, with a mix of mostly residential on the outskirts and commercial in the core. So let's maintain them as the current official plan and zoning dictates, while giving our civic planners an opportunity to develop an appropriate plan for future expansion to accommodate Tim Hortons and other commerce.

**Michael Kursbatt**  
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a fashion statement for the over 60s? Or, was it a stylistically-simple and yet stunningly accurate coincidence?

Without asking I would never know, but asking meant broaching the topic and potentially offending him either way.

"Do you know you're dressed like a disaffected teenager?" Not going to go down well.

"Are you dressed like that to make an ironic fashion statement?" No less tactless.

Add to that the fact that whether a gangsta or pensioner, he may well have a shotgun tucked behind the seat of his truck and I decided to make an educated guess.

I say educated because he's not the only old guy I've seen dressed this way. In fact, half of the population of Haliburton County wear baseball caps and ill-fitting jeans. The other half are women.

Yes, the ubiquitous baseball cap has long transcended the realm of mere fashion item here in Canada and in the US, too, for that matter. While in England it is worn only by the aforementioned grouchy teens – always with the peak pushed to one side, always in accompaniment to jeans that hang too low. Here, on the other side of the Atlantic, it is donned when leaving the house almost as surely as plaid jacket is shrugged on and boots are laced up.

The logos may differ, from Volcom to John Deer, Nike

to Tim-br Mart, but the baseball cap is a fixture. It keeps off the rain and snow in winter and the rain and snow in summer (as of last week your weather was that crazy!). It can be used to swat bugs or with a sticky patch attached, trap them – I once counted 23 deer flies stuck to the patch on the back of a guy's cap as we queued in line at The Beer Store. It is a collection vessel for dues at hunt camp or a scoop for cold water on a hot day.

The baseball cap is to a Canadian guy what the cravat is to an English fellow: we all wear them, you know, I just tuck mine out of sight when in the village for fear of cranky, old baseball cap wearing teenage-octogenarians bullying me about it.

But yes, back to the gangsta-grandpa at the gas station. I'll never really know his true fashion leanings, not for sure. He seemed pleasant enough when I nodded hello. There was no swearing or sucking of teeth at me, although he may not have had any teeth to suck... But, as I followed him into the store to pay for my gas, I could have sworn I heard him say, "Yo, yo, yo dawg, what's the damage for the sweeeeet ride at pump number four?"



**By Will Jones**

# Letters continued

## Out of control spending

**Dear Editor:**

Minister Bev Oda was not satisfied with her accommodation so she decided to stay at the Savoy in London on our dollar. She got caught so she paid the difference in her scheduled accommodation in relation to her choice. She now said she would reimburse for chauffeur services and, I hope, the \$16 orange juice.

Former CEO Dr. Chris Mazza of the air ambulance service (Ornge) was paid a whopping \$1.4 million a year in 2011. As part of the controversy and police investigation regarding compensation for upper level executives, Ontario Health Minister Deb Mathews stated Mazza's salary was outrageous. As a Minister to oversee expenditures, she must have been oblivious as to what was going on around her. Yet another politician taking advantage of taxpayers.

Former CEO Eleanor Clitheroe was fired in July 2002 from Hydro One for controversy over executive salaries. She earned \$741,000 in 1999, \$1.4 million in 2000, \$1.7 million in 2001 and \$1.5 million in 2002. In her last full year of work at Hydro One, Clitheroe took home more than \$2.2 million, including

\$174,000 for a car and \$172,000 for vacation.

She is suing the company as she feels she is entitled to the \$33,644.21 monthly pension benefit. Her pension is capped at \$25,637.08 a month or \$307,644.96 a year. She feels she should receive more than \$400,000 per year. She also stated she worked 16-hour days, earned bonuses for her performances and is the only income earner for a family of four.

Doesn't that just break your heart? I wonder what she thinks about people who are living below the poverty line with a family of four.

At what point will the province's publicly owned transmission utility put an end to such abuse of ones position? What kind of expertise is worth the previous Ontario Hydro deficit that we are still paying for as a result of mismanagement?

Where will it all end? How did things get so out of control? What is wrong with our provincial government and how much do they think Ontarians can dish out? Worth pondering... right?

**Bev MacDuff  
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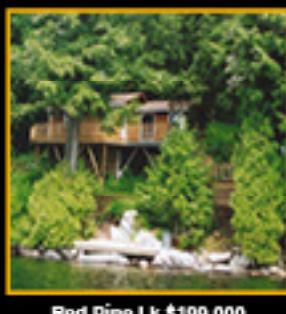
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## It's not too late

**Dear Editor:**

We read with interest the recent letters in local papers about the location of the proposed Tim Hortons in the Village of Haliburton. There is no doubt that the location of a Tim Hortons has an impact on many people, not just those who find themselves "living nearby a Timmies."

A Tim Hortons is not just a commercial venue. There's commercial and then there's Timmies! We all need to take interest because we will all feel the negative results of a poor location (and likewise the positives of a well-thought-out location). Once built, it will be too late!

Most Timmies become a popular stopping place and the resulting traffic congestion impacts not only on those who are trying to get in or get out, but also on those who are travelling past. The Tim Hortons in Minden has many issues that hopefully Haliburton can learn from and avoid. Haliburton needs their Timmies to have these attributes:

Be located in a commercial area suitable for the kind of traffic that it will predictably generate; have a large enough parking area that those who have snowmobile/ATV trailers etc. are able to stop. If we want to promote tourism then we need to require/insist that our local Timmies be trailer/RV friendly. Minden has serious issues in this regard!

Be local trucker friendly. We all rely on truckers for just about everything we buy/do and to expect that a person driving a truck cannot access a "rural area" Timmies

without illegally/unsafe parking on the side of the road is unacceptable. Forcing this situation is not only disrespectful to truckers, but it also makes it unsafe for those driving past/entering/leaving the Tim Hortons. This is another common reoccurring problem in Minden. Planning can avoid this.

Be like some other places and insist that Tim Hortons construct a building that is aesthetically value added. Don't allow Haliburton's to be a cookie cutter franchise that looks just like every other Tim Hortons. Why would one choose to travel in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands if most businesses are an exact duplicate of everywhere else? It is possible to be unique without being more expensive.

Having previously lived on Peninsula Rd. for several years, we know that the highway between there and Curry Motors is already problematic. This is definitely not the best location for a Tim Hortons. We think another site for a Timmies that everyone could find user-friendly would be more beneficial to Tim Hortons as well as to anyone travelling past. Why expect less? Surely the township could further "help" find another location that would be more appealing to all. Haliburton has a reputation of being able to make things happen. This could be a win/win situation. It does not need to be a win/lose scenario. It's not too late because it hasn't been built yet!

Don't sit back just because you don't live near the current proposed location thinking it won't affect you. We don't

live near the Timmies in Minden, yet we are impacted by its apparent poor planning. Dysart et al council members, as well as the public in general (even those who do not live in Dysart, but might travel to Haliburton), need to reflect, speak up and be heard.

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# County news

## Art attack on Highland Street

By Douglas Pugh

People walking down Highland St. in Haliburton would likely notice a colourful sign in a window of The Bargain Shop that the store's manager says "appeared out of nowhere."

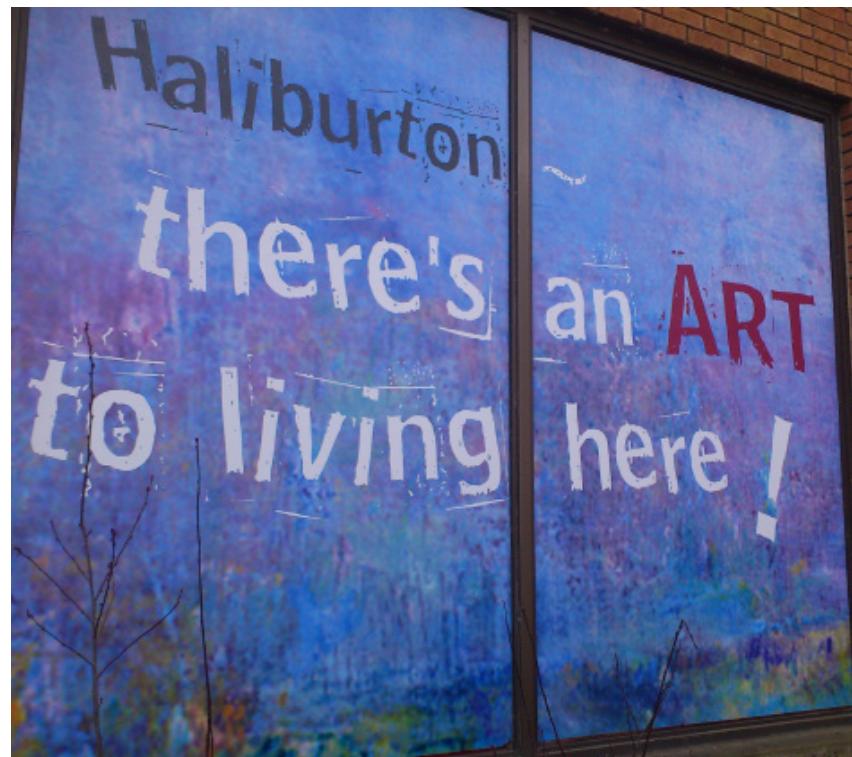
"Haliburton – There's an ART to living here!" it proudly declares in bold graphics over a background with more than a hint of modern art.

"It has nothing to do with us," said store manager Steve Davies.

The eye-catching vinyl graphic has created a bit of a stir.

"I believe there was a campaign to do something like that for a while," said Davies, "but as far as I'm aware it may even contravene by-laws. We've had a bunch of folks come in and ask about it though, mostly complimentary. I've spoken to the lady that campaigned for the display and she denies doing it. I've even spoken to local sign makers, such as Vista Signs... but he knows nothing about it either."

Now there's not usually too many links between artists and vigilante displays, certainly not around Haliburton – though



The mystery art in the window of The Bargain Shop. Photo by Mark Arike.

it does have a great artistic community – but somebody, somewhere has to know where a graphic spanning two windows came from and who applied it.

The question is: what happens to the graphic now?

"Totally up to [The Bargain Shop's] head office," says Davies. "I'm just waiting for some direction from there."

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# Highlander arts

## A show to heat things up

Some red hot blues are coming to Minden.

On Saturday, May 5 the Dominion Hotel in Minden will host talented multi-instrumentalist Chris Whiteley and exciting blues singer Diana Braithwaite.

Whiteley has accompanied the likes of John Hammond, Chuck Berry and John Lee Hooker. He also toured with Leon Redbone and appeared with him on *Saturday Night Live* in New York.

Braithwaite's solo career started during her teenage years when she opened for John Lee Hooker at the Brunswick House in Toronto. Later on, Albert Collins invited her on the road as a warm-up act. She then followed up with collaborations with such luminaries as Jeff Healey, Robert Cray, Tracy Chapman and Buddy Guy.

Between them, Whiteley and Braithwaite are nine-time Maple Blues award winners.

For the Minden gig, Whiteley and Braithwaite will be combining original material with a sprinkle of classics. Joining them will be Whiteley's son, Jesse Whiteley, on the CX-3 organ.

The 'Red Hot Blues' gig is the third concert in the very successful 'Canadian Blues Legends' series organized by promoter George Farrell and Dominion proprietor Shawn Chamberlin.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and can be purchased by calling 705-286-6954 or toll-free 877-888-6954.



## State of the Arts

### The Holy Trinity of the internet metaphor and real-time events

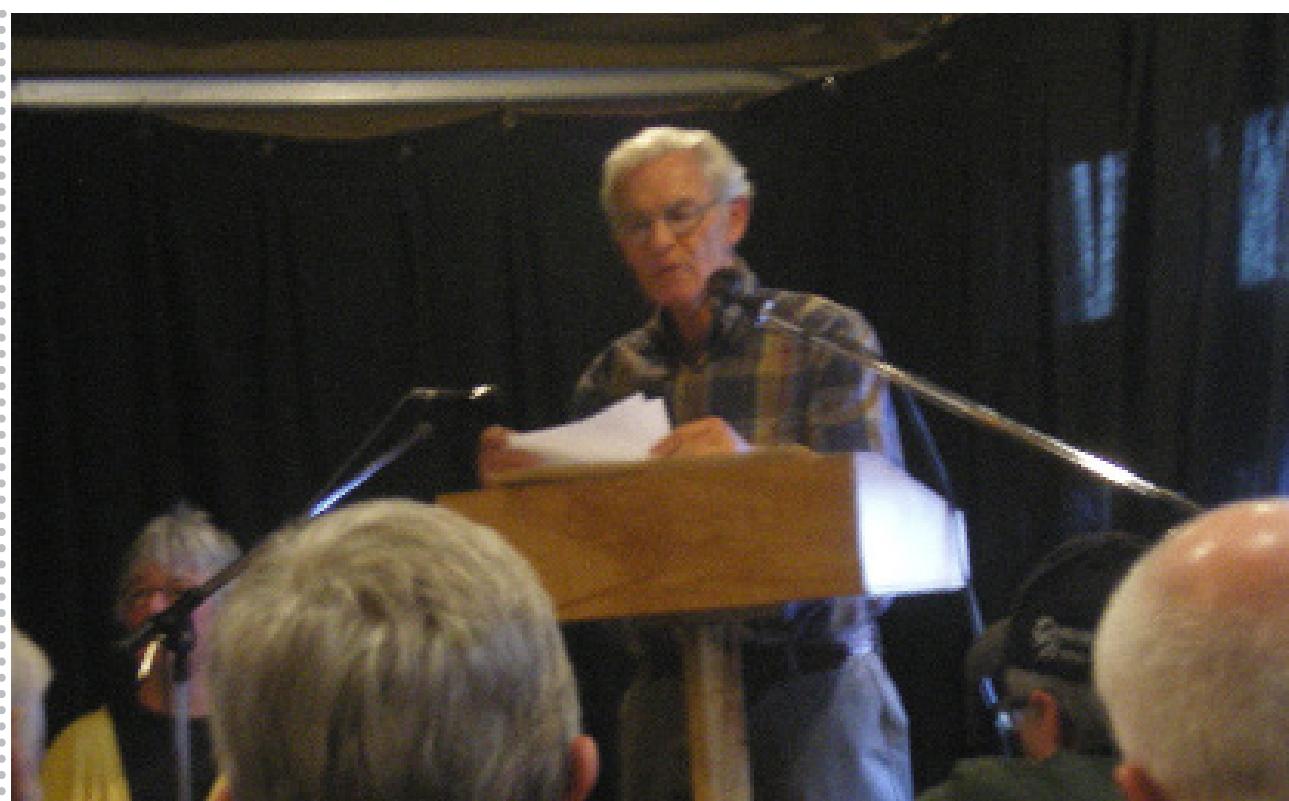


**By Victoria Ward**

Having been raised Catholic, I am never surprised by reinvention, resurrection, rebellion and miracles. My church had it all. As I have mentioned before, it is the reason I went into the arts. Catholic mass, especially at Easter, was the finest

example of art synergy and participatory community that you could find. I grew up believing that transfiguration was possible and transformation inevitable: we all become dust. So I am very well suited to the current world of technophantasm and spectacle that has, in a sense, replaced church in many of our artistic congregations. People like to hang together and they do it now in many different ways with as much gusto as any old, timey religious gathering. First it was concert halls, movie houses, television and now the internet. We still like to gather in a non-virtual way but we are also prone to do it when a spectral form of enlightenment or entertainment is the focus (i.e. The Oscars, the Superbowl, YouTube events, huge arts festivals and the like).

During the commemorations of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, Twitter was ablaze with the very SOS distress signals made that fateful night. They were sent out in real time at the actual time of the ship's sinking. When Twitter went silent, the folks who gathered in Halifax Harbour were then treated to a shimmering LED screen illuminating the very constellations seen on the night of the sinking. It was 1 am and the people who came to the event were shivering in silence looking at a facsimile of a sky they could have been seen behind the screen.



Bob Penfold gives an intense reading.

## Wordsmiths unite for National Poetry Month

By Douglas Pugh

The Live Poets, a selection of local poets that meet on a monthly basis in Minden to read and discuss their works, took to the stage at The Dominion Hotel on Wednesday, April 18.

Co-hosted by regular contributors Pat Brown and John Unrau, the event was held to show support for National Poetry Month. The enthusiastic crowd of attendees, was treated to a fine display of words and craft – and every poem read was the work of the reader themselves.

Commencing with the punchy, short poetry of Donna Gagnon, the first half of the program rippled along at a fine beat.

Former Haliburton High school teacher, Bob Penfold, followed with flowing explorations of life before newcomer, Marci Mandel, read her literary works.

"The Three Shorties", comprised of Kay Millard, Bob and Anje Hilkers, entertained with some short verse before possibly the most powerful reading of the evening by acclaimed local poet, Lea Harper.

The co-hosts also took to the stage during either side of the show's interval.

The evening was rounded off by a vibrant performance from Sheryl Loucks, former coordinator of RD Lawrence Place.

On stage in California on the same night, a hologram of dead rapper Tupac Shakur rapped at the Coachella music festival – the image projected on huge screens to thousands of stunned fans.

Both events honoured the dead in a way that made them seem very alive. These are very different cultural experiences, but both highlight our current desire to collectively experience moments in life that eluded us because perhaps we weren't born yet or we missed them. I wouldn't call this voyeuristic or necrophilia or anything creepy. I would say that it is the same reason Christians drink wine and pretend its blood. These are events as accepted metaphors and at one time, that was the only way of experiencing them – as a metaphor. Today you can actually experience the real thing. Well, sort of.

This year is marked by many significant events and ideas: the War of 1812, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympics, the centennial of the Titanic disaster, Tom Thomson's centennial of his first work in Algonquin Park and the Mayan calendar finally ends. Metaphors and the virtual experience of these are raining down on us from all fronts. No matter where you are in the world, if you have electricity, a satellite dish or a cell phone tower, you will be able to take part in these events in many different ways. Throw in our love of nostalgia, marketing and merchandising and you will be able to listen to a re-release of the Sex Pistols *God Save the Queen* while following her barge down the Thames on Google Earth; Tweet about it; purchase Olympic tees designed by Stella McCartney and join a Doomer group readying themselves for December 12. You can do this all at the same time.

I had to rack my brain to figure out what it is that we are all

missing from this very modern, very 21st century de rigueur. Ahh, yes, imagination. We don't need our imaginations anymore. Thank goodness. No more need for abstract thought or dreams. We don't have to bother with that old hoary thing. Why bother with imagination when you can just bypass the metaphor and go straight to representation. Phew!

I certainly don't mean to come down on those people who felt a pilgrimage to Halifax was necessary as the city did provide one of the most exemplary examples of how to cope with a major maritime disaster. And the folks at Coachella shouldn't be reproached either, since rock concerts are mostly experienced via huge screens and have been for 30 years.

Some would argue that it is the imagination that makes all these neat things possible. Of course, your own private imagination is a realm of infinite possibilities too. I am reminded of a talk I once saw author John Irving give. When asked if he had a child who had died since he wrote about it so deftly, he replied, "No, I used my imagination."

The reader was offended and disappointed. Why?

Personally I can't think of anything better than an imagination. We humans are a contrary lot, full of destructive means and foils, but our imagination makes us very special indeed. We think of something and then we create it. I am now grateful that as a child, I had to grapple with the signifying host at mass and its meanings and then, as I grew, I took those skills and applied them to my life. And, I can't believe I just wrote that, but it's true and not my imagination.

# Highlander arts

## Open stage goes out on a high note



The country music duo with stunning guitar riffs, Troy Lee and Steve Maine.



Donna Drifter and Patricia Liverseed accompanied by Eric Lilius on the gut bucket bass.

### Folk music scene gains momentum in the Highlands

By Douglas Pugh

From here on out, open stage nights hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) will be held at the Haliburton Museum. Held on the third Saturday of each month, the series recently wrapped up at the location that has been its host home for the winter months – the Heritage House Café.

"We have a thriving music scene in the county and it has been wonderful to see success build on top of success," said Barrie Martin, a committee member of HCFS.

With a line up that covered ukelele and vocals, poetry, acoustic guitar, vocals and more, the open stages have set new levels of attendance and pushed the boundaries on performance. A total of nine acts delivered two hours of entertainment at the April 21 open stage.

"The acts come here from a wide area – Bancroft and further field. They enjoy playing to an appreciative audience," said Martin, adding that apart from the open stages, things quiet down for the HCFS during the summer months.

"There are plenty of other musical events taking place throughout the county," he said.

Currently, there is a positive vibe running through the musical community. Not only was there the recently announced Artists Fund to help local artists record a track – funded by the Haliburton County Development Council in

partnership with Quantum Entertainment – but Winter Folk Camp at Camp Wanakita was deemed a success.

Good news also comes from local singer/songwriter Albert Saxby, otherwise known as The Mayor. Along with vocalist Amelia Edmunds, Saxby has been busy putting down the tracks for a new CD.

"It's all done and now we're just waiting for it to be mastered down in Toronto," he said. "Once we've got it done we'll look at having a local launch party."

The HCFS won't be resting on their laurels, though.

"We're looking at a few options for the future, maybe trying to tie up with surrounding areas, giving their acts a chance to play here while getting our acts out to their areas. We've got to spread the word about Haliburton folk music. It deserves it."

### Driving the county art scene for 25 years

Meet past and present Studio Tour artists May 5

Submitted by Laurie Jones

Between May 5 and June 16, the Rails End Gallery will present a group exhibition featuring current and past members of the Haliburton County Studio Tour. The opening reception is this Saturday (May 5) from 2-4 pm.

Twenty-five years – a lifetime, a good time, an artful time! This year, the Haliburton County Studio Tour celebrates its 25th anniversary with this group exhibition titled *Transitions*.

In 1988, there were 34 artists on the tour and they were over the moon when 190 visitors showed up (in total). A far cry from these days when the tour attracts thousands, creates a few traffic jams and is widely recognized as an important contributor to the local economy and Haliburton's vibrant arts community.

Barbara Joy Peel, Rickie Woods, Susan and Michael Butz, Helen Newton, Gary Chapman and Charles O'Neil were on the first Studio Tour and remain to this day.

Rails End curator Laurie Jones remarks, "Artists are always growing and innovating; we expect that from these creative types, and a studio tour lets the public see into an artist's home and workplace and puts us into a relationship with that artist. This authentic experience is what many people enjoy and it's something to be celebrated."

*Transitions* includes 40 artists from the past and present, including three of the newest members: Artech Studios, Two Sisters Studio and guest artist Tiffany Howe.

For more information visit [www.railsendgallery.com](http://www.railsendgallery.com).

### 10,000 Hours and Elemental Exposure

Agnes Jamieson Gallery unveils two new exhibitions

Submitted by Laurie Carmont

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden is holding a double opening reception for its two new exhibitions on Saturday, May 5 at 1 pm.

The two featured artists, Tony Cooper and Oscar Ross, will be speaking about their respective works. Everyone is welcome to attend this interesting event. Light refreshments will be served.

The exhibition *Elemental Exposure* by Cooper involves "Tom Thompson like" landscape paintings, many of which feature recent work from the Minden area. These paintings are assembled into mosaics and hung from pulleys held by large rocks. In particular, this exhibition is about paintings and constructions that address the immediacy of on-site documentation and open air art practice.

*10,000 Hours* features work by Ross and conveys a series of considerations. One consideration is the idea that in order to be a master in anything, the skill must be practiced for 10,000 hours.

Ross will have numerous gestural drawings and figurative bronze sculptures on display.

Both exhibits will be on display until July 14.

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An Open House will be held on:

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A copy of the draft by-law is available for download on the County of Haliburton Website at [www.haliburtoncounty.ca](http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca) by following the links to News & Notices.

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# Dysart et al



Committee members get to ride too. Left to Right: Andrea Butera, club treasurer; Corey Pietryszyk, membership officer; and Owen Flood, team co-ordinator.  
Photo by Doug Pugh.

# Pedalling for success

# Spin-a-Thon drives for mountain bike development funds

By Douglas Pugh

The recently formed Haliburton Highlands Mountain Bike Club is going for a bit of a Spin. Not spinning with a small ‘s’ like yarn, but Spinning with a capital ‘S’, one of the latest developments in low impact exercise, great for cardio workouts without wrecking those joints.

The group is hosting a Spin-a-Thon on Saturday, May 12 with four classes: 8 am, 9 am, 10 am and 11 am. The donation fee is \$15 with all proceeds going to the club.

The newly-formed club is in the midst of a big drive to develop clear signage for existing trails around Glebe Park as well as the wider county, to craft a great website and to expand the trails available.

The area is prime for developing a niche in the burgeoning exercise vacation market and may well attract a slice of the popular *Crank The Shield* event that brings in hundreds of participants.

The Spinning program is an individually paced, non-competitive, group training program designed for all ages and fitness levels. Each bike is equipped with an adjustable resistance knob, which allows each student to select his or her own level of intensity. Instructors are taught how to coach new students and help all participants achieve a fun, safe and challenging workout. Instructors also employ Spinning Energy Zones™, which define target heart rate zones for specific training goals. By employing heart rate training, students receive a highly personalized workout.

Those interested in participating in this fundraiser can call Andrea Butera at 705-457-5984 or email [haliburtonindoorcycling@hotmail.com](mailto:haliburtonindoorcycling@hotmail.com). Donors and sponsors are welcome too.

The Haliburton Highlands Mountain Bike Club gathers at Glebe Park near the Museum every Wednesday at 6 pm for non-competitive rides along the trails.



# Dysart et al

## A record-breaking Hike for Hospice



Led by drummer Dani Stahle, hikers walked one lap of the high school track in the memorial walk.  
Photos by Lisa Harrison.



Hike for Hospice participants on Head Lake Trail.



Mad hatter and hike chair Dale Bull with Robyn Defoe.

### Participants raise over \$22,000 for local program

By Lisa Harrison

The day dawned bright, although cold, for this year's 8<sup>th</sup> annual SIRCH Hike for Hospice held in Haliburton on Saturday, April 28. At this year's event, participants raised \$22,925 – the most that the hike has brought in to date.

The hike is a significant fundraising event for SIRCH (Supportive Initiative for Residents in the County of Haliburton) Community Services. The hospice program, which began in 1994, trains volunteers and oversees support to people with life threatening illnesses in their homes or at the new hospice palliative care suite at Haliburton Highlands Health Services hospital.

About 115 hikers – the highest recorded number to date – started with a warm-up led by Lynda Shadbolt of Haliburton Yoga in the gym at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the starting point for the hike.

Participants then moved out to the school track for the

#### Dale Bull

Hike Chair

*"I am truly amazed at how our tiny community supports its neighbours in such a huge way, time and time again! It's heartwarming."*

memorial walk – one lap of the track led by drummer Dani Stahle. From there hikers had the option of a one-kilometre hike around the track or the five-kilometre hike around Head Lake Trail.

Once finished, it was back to the gym for a hot lunch courtesy of local restaurant Rhubarb, entertainment by local singing group The Shout Sisters and awards announcements.

The winner of the award for highest pledge for an individual was Nancy Brink with \$3,135. Brink has been the top fundraiser every year and this year's pledges brought her total to \$16,000.

The Stella Bellas won the award for the highest pledges for a team with their donation of \$1,404 and Laurie Curry won the poker run gift bag prize.

SIRCH's goal for this year's event was \$18,000 – a figure that was shattered by more than \$4,000. The total was still growing this week as pledges and donations continued to arrive.

Hike chair Dale Bull called the day "truly magical."

"We achieved a record number of hikers and a record number of funds raised," said Bull. "I am truly amazed at how our tiny community supports its neighbours in such a huge way, time and time again! It's heartwarming."

## Food for the Soul a no-go Organizer promises to bring back event in 2013

By Mark Arike

An annual concert in support of the Haliburton 4Cs will not take place this year.

That news was broadcast over Facebook in a message sent out by one of the event's main organizers, Sarah Varty.

"Food for the Soul will in fact not be running this year," said Varty in the April 20 message. "I do hope you are all willing to support it next year."

Varty, who now lives in Kingston, said she does not have enough people locally to help with the advertising of the event. She promises to bring the event back next year – bigger and better.

Over the past two years, the event has featured local performers and has been held in Haliburton – once in Head Lake Park and once in the Rails End Gallery. Admission was by donation of cash, clothing and non-perishable food items, with all proceeds going to the 4Cs.

### News in brief

#### Women's group celebrates 75 years

Eagle Lake Women's Society came before Dysart council on April 23 to celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and receive a certificate of appreciation from the council.

Reeve Murray Fearrey presented the certificate to secretary Nancy McLuskey, stating, "We know how much work you've done for the community over the years and we are very grateful to you."

#### Council keeps eye on Haliburton

Dysart council is working with Halcom Communications to ensure that the 'Eye in the Sky' keeps looking down over Haliburton Village.

A portion of funding secured by the Housing and Business Development Committee will be used to assist Halcom Communications with replacement of the webcam and related equipment. The municipal logo will then be included on the website, which receives over 100,000 hits monthly.

#### Arts Council finds new home

As of June 2012, the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands will lease office space from Dysart Council in the form of the municipally-owned building adjacent to the fire hall. The move comes due to expansion plans at Parker Pad and Printing Ltd., where the Arts Council is currently based.

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# Algonquin Highlands

## 'First round' for source water

### Council predicts costs will eventually trickle down to residents

By Lisa Harrison

While the Township of Algonquin Highlands is technically not affected by the initial stages of source water protection policy development by the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee, that time will come, according to township council.

At council's regular meeting April 19, Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen reported on the Coalition's April 16 public information meeting at the Minden Community Centre. The meeting guest speaker was Jennifer Stephens, Source Protection Planning Project Manager for the Coalition, who said the purpose of the meeting was to bring the committee's proposed policies to local attention.

According to Stephens, the committee is focusing on municipal water supply systems as a starting point. In Haliburton County, this currently affects only Minden, Cardiff, Lutterworth Pines and Dyno Estates; the remaining areas in the county depend on individual wells. The county is part of the Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Area, which in turn is part of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region with a total of 22 municipal systems.

Stephens also addressed private systems such as wells, saying that they are just as important as municipal systems and "I suspect that in the future we will look at private systems."

Council predicted that source protection policy coverage

areas will indeed continue to grow over the years and that Algonquin Highlands will eventually be affected as policies are also developed to cover lakes.

Danielsen said some good questions were raised and some good information was received at the meeting and noted that the committee was in the final stages of receiving comments (comments were due by April 23).

However, she said that presenter Stephens could have been clearer on some points in her presentation, including what will and will not be allowed under proposed new protection policies.

"On the one hand she was saying, 'Well, we're not going to tell you that you can't do certain things on your land,' but on the other she was saying, 'We're going to tell you that there's certain things you can't do on your land,' so I thought it was a bit conflicting," said Danielsen.

"One thing that was clear during the presentation was that this really is only the first round of work that's being done and that it will expand," said Danielsen. "You know, we talked very briefly in the past about the fact that at some point in time it's going to come to us that there's going to be actions required just to protect the lakes and I can see this coming, that this is just the first in a long series of requirements that will impact us."

Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson noted that he had been doing some background study on source water protection and had asked one of his contacts if these committees have a life cycle. The answer was that they do not – they are ongoing.

"Everybody wants to know how costs will be covered, what's the impact going to be on the municipalities," said Danielsen, adding, "You know they [municipalities] are

not going to be given any financial assistance and even private residents are going to be required to do things."

She said residents are asking who will bear costs, and essentially hearing that costs will fall to residents themselves.

"It's us," said Reeve Carol Moffat as to who will bear the costs. "We've been complaining about it from the beginning, it couldn't have been a more complicated and convoluted process, but the ultimate results will impact potentially how we conduct our business in certain areas."

Moffat said she doesn't think the public is paying attention to this fact and that residents need to be aware that the current discussions "that are confusing and difficult to understand" will eventually turn out to require paying for a person to do inspections.

"So people shouldn't be surprised when that happens because we're talking about it now, we know it's coming, but you can pretty well guarantee that somewhere down the line we'll have to put it in the budget somewhere to hire someone to do such-and-such inspection and council will be asked why," said Moffat.

On the subject of source water protection, Henderson advised council that the Muskoka Watershed Council will hold its annual Stewardship Conference on Saturday, April 28 at Nipissing University Muskoka Campus in Bracebridge. Henderson called it "a full day of interesting and enlightening speakers... a great program." He also advised that he would be attending the MWC meeting April 20 and would report back to council on any further discussions related to source water protection.

**Liz Danielsen**

Deputy Reeve

*"This is just the first in a long series of requirements that will impact us."*

### Minden brush fire proves need for MNR at airport

### Local pilot prevents greater fire damage

By Lisa Harrison

Despite an open house being held on what turned out to be one of the worst snow days of the year, an increase in flight traffic and help from a pilot to put out a brush fire in Minden, March was a relatively quiet month at the Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport.

Airport manager Duane Hicks made his monthly report to Township of Algonquin Highlands council at their April 19 meeting.

His report included a higher number of visitors in March over last year (168 versus 52 in March 2011), eight flight school aircraft landings and 112 movements by 42 general aircraft and 50 movements "just in the past few days," according to Hicks.

He said that winter weather cleanup and maintenance have been completed, as has an early opening requested by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) due to drier weather and the greater potential for fire. The request for proposals for a fuel system will be issued shortly.

The 2012 Pancake Fly-in is planned for May 5 and 6.

Reeve Carol Moffatt encouraged Hicks to tell the story of a Minden brush fire in which one of the airport's regular pilots played a large role, saying it was good for council to know.

Hicks and later the pilot, Ian Pistol of Minden (reached by phone), related the following:

At about 4:30 pm on Friday, April 6, Pistol was flying back

from Collingwood with his father after lunch with friends. He noted that it had been very dry, with no rain for several days at that point.

About 10 minutes south of his course he noticed smoke in an area near Sheldon Lake.

"I headed on over... curiosity kind of got me," said Pistol. "I know that neighbourhood, I've worked there before, I know that it's actually a remote area and I very carefully got in a little closer to have a look at exactly where it was."

He saw that no one was attending to the fire, "which was obviously huge, I saw it from 20 miles away, [although] of course it was a clear day." He noted that it was also a very windy day and estimated the wind was blowing probably 30 miles an hour, drawing whitecaps on the lakes, so he knew the fire could spread quickly.

Pistol carefully moved closer to confirm the location and called Hicks to say that the fire was "out of control and growing by the minute."

"I knew he would know the right channels, which he did, he jumped on it immediately," said Pistol.

Hicks reported that at that point the MNR's fire management service had one of its helicopters at the airport and shortly afterward the Twin Otter, a medium-sized water bomber, arrived.

When Pistol confirmed that no one was on the scene to fight the fire, Hicks followed protocol and called the MNR's duty desk at the Sudbury Forest Fire Management Centre. A few minutes later, MNR's Haliburton office called Hicks and from Pistol's reports relayed by Hicks, determined that it was a municipal fire.

At this point Hicks noted to council that Pistol was using his own gas to monitor the fire and commended him for his public service.

Pistol said he flew back over the scene a few days later.

"It looked like it had spread to at least twice its size," he said. "It's a good thing they [MNR fire management services] are close by."

Summarizing his report, Hicks told council that due to the dry weather, the fire services are concerned about fires.

Moffatt noted, "People need to be aware of how their little pile of leaves can affect the greater population with fire and just be sensible about that." She added that the township's fire regulations are listed on its website.

Chris Cuthbertson, Fire Management Supervisor for the MNR's Haliburton location, later confirmed that the MNR sent in one crew via helicopter and water bomber. According to Cuthbertson, the water bomber was turned away when the crew could not guarantee there were no people in the area who could be injured by a water drop and the incident commander determined that the fire could be handled without it.

Cuthbertson said the crew battled the fire overnight and finished the following afternoon. The one-hectare area fire, designated Bancroft 1 as the first fire in the MNR's Bancroft region, remains under investigation.

"It's definitely a drier spring than we're used to, but we've prepared our staff," said Cuthbertson, adding that the MNR brought in staff earlier this year. "We're seeing more summer-like conditions earlier and the fires have been burning deeper."

Cuthbertson said that spring fires usually go only as deep as 10 cm, but the MNR has already seen some 12 cm fires this year and that deeper fires require a longer time on the final "mop-up" stage.

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## Tune-up tips

At this time of year, many auto shops are offering spring specials. But what do they mean by "tune-up," exactly? All these items should be getting attention at intervals prescribed in the owner's manual.

- Coolant replacement.
- Brake fluid replacement.
- Transmission fluid replacement.
- Suspension inspection.
- Steering inspection.
- Engine valve adjustment.
- Fuel filter replacement.
- Replacement of engine and cabin air filters.
- Replacement of engine accessory belts or chains.
- Check for excessive or uneven tire wear.
- Lubricate door hinges.
- Inspect drive-shaft dust seals.
- Parking brake adjustment.

## Tires 101

Tires are the only part of your car that touch the road. Here are some things to remember:

- Check regularly for wear.
- Rotate your tires twice a year.
- Maintain proper air pressures.
- Inspect sidewalls for bulges.
- Replace tires after seven years, regardless of mileage.

## Detailing done right

Detailing your car won't just make it look and feel better. Regular thorough cleanings, especially at the change of the seasons, will make your exterior, interior and mechanicals last longer.

Here's a quick guide:

1. Start with a good soaking and sudsing with car soap. Dishwashing liquid will strip everything from your car's paint, including wax and rustproofing, so never use it unless that's your intention. Most scratches happen during washing. Change your water often, use car-specific sponges and towels and *listen* for grit as you wipe the car. Deal with any immediately.
2. In the spring, don't forget to thoroughly clean your car's underside and wheel wells of any accumulated dirt.
3. Inside: Vacuum *everything*. If you don't have a powerful vacuum, the ones at gas stations are worth paying 50 cents to use. Use your hand to stretch out seams while you vacuum them with the other hand. Take out and hose down the mats. Slide seats around so hidden areas aren't missed. Don't forget the trunk.
4. Under the hood: Resist the temptation to get fancy. Some environmentally-friendly degreaser can be sprayed on any accumulated dirt or oil and wiped away with a rag or gently washed away. That's all you should ever need. Keep water away from under-hood electronics.
5. Finish up by treating rubber surfaces with some kind of protectant. These will prevent them from cracking and otherwise breaking down in the sun's UV rays. Use a similar product on weatherstripping around doors to keep them clean and supple.
6. Finally, waxing your car once a season will protect the paint, make washing easier and keep the car cleaner between washes. Wax types and prices vary, but the key is to use *something* as a first line of defense between your car's paint and the elements.



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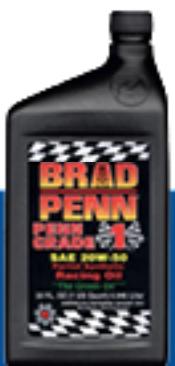
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## Spring cleaning checklist

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- Wash the car thoroughly inside and out.
- Use a wax to repel dirt and prevent paint fading and peeling due to UV exposure.
- Refer to the owner's manual and see what preventative maintenance is due.
- Test your air conditioning to be sure it still works.
- Change the engine oil to a summer grade specified in the owner's manual.
- Renew rustproofing on older cars and repair any damaged undercoat.
- Repair any stone chips or other paint damage so rust doesn't develop.
- Inspect the car thoroughly for signs of rust and treat any corrosion right away.
- Protect plastic or vinyl with spray-on protectant and treat leather with cleaner and moisturizer.
- Check and top up all fluids and flush any that are due for replacement.
- Rotate the tires and check them carefully for excessive or uneven wear.
- Replace any tires, including the spare, that are over seven years old.
- Inspect all glass for small chips or cracks that should be repaired before they spread.

## Scrappling an old car

Every car eventually reaches the point when it no longer makes sense to keep investing in repairs. When that happens, owners may have just one option, or maybe two, depending on the car.

Everyone has the option of calling a scrapper. There are lots of these in the Yellow Pages and on the internet and most of them will arrive at your house with a tow truck, take your car away and leave you with a few dollars reflecting the scrap value of your car (not the value of its used parts, which may be considerably more).

If your car runs, is a model year 2003 or older

and has been insured within the past year, owners have another option: the government-sponsored *Car Heaven* program.

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## Change for auto repair shop



County Automotive owners James and Tammy Hosken. Photo by Walt Griffin.

**By George Farrell**

James Hosken could be the poster boy for the cause of 'hanging in there' because after 19 years working for Bob Bird at the former County Auto and Rad on Industrial Park Rd. in Haliburton, James now finds himself owner of the business, which he's renamed County Automotive. He took over on April 16.

"It was hard for Bob to let go after 30 years," said James, "but he's been talking retirement for awhile and he just decided that now was the time."

James then looked back at his own years spent in the shop.

"I started cleaning floors and I worked my way up to an apprentice position by 1995," he said. "I got my class A mechanics papers in '99 and then I worked as a mechanic and eased into management – doing paperwork, ordering and dealing with customers. I guess I've been shop manager since about 2005."

New owner or not, James is still a mechanic.

"I'll still be slugging and working on vehicles," he assures. "Front ends, suspensions and brakes – I specialize in electronic and fuel injection diagnostics and troubleshooting."

So it's business as usual at County Automotive. Long-time employee John Hutchinson has been retained. He'd been with Bird for 11 years. Ted Ferridge has also been retained. The new staff member is Tammy Hosken, James's wife. She's taking over the books.

"The timing was good for me," said Tammy, who will be a full partner in the business.

Taking over and operating a business is an impressive feat. The Hoskens were able to get much needed financial assistance in the form of a small business loan from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

"HCDC was a great help to us," said James, "not only with the loan but with business advice too." Through HCDC, James became aware of other government programs that could help his business and future employees.

"We're looking at hiring an apprentice mechanic in the near future, through one of the

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government programs," he said. "We're also looking into business training for ourselves and our staff." One of the challenges with training is that the training is out of county.

"We're planning on getting another computer in the shop so that in our downtime we can go online to find programs to help us stay current with vehicle repairs," said James. "Staying current is the biggest challenge to any mechanic."

Although James and Tammy are planning to remodel the office, customers won't be inconvenienced.

"We have an excellent clientele," said James. "They feel confident with our mechanics, who they've known for a while and I just want to let them know that it's business as usual – Monday to Friday, eight to five. Other than Tammy in the office, the only immediate thing different is the name change."

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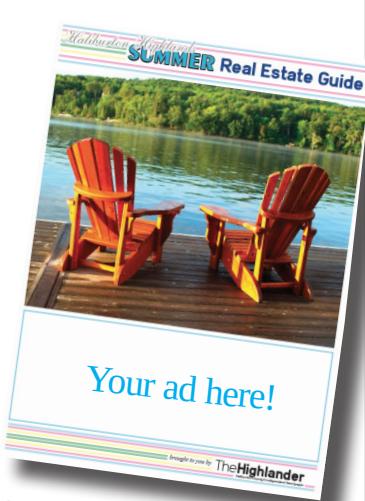
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# Highlander business

## Family matters at Canadian Tire



Meet your new Canadian Tire team! All hands have been on deck for weeks preparing the newly built store for the May 10 grand opening with direction from owner/operator Steve McLean, front row, second from the right. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

### Staff anticipate official grand opening

By Lisa Harrison

Steve McLean's a family man. And he's just expanded his family by more than 40 people.

When McLean's new Canadian Tire store officially opens May 10 at Hwy. 35 and Water St. in Minden, local shoppers will be served with a smile by people aged 16 to their mid-60s. Most of the new employees will find smiling especially easy because this is the first job they've had in awhile.

"My wife [Leigh-Ann] and I really tried to hire people that were unemployed," said McLean. "If it was a really skilled position we couldn't always, but the vast majority, if not 90 percent, were unemployed. That was really important to us."

That commitment also took care of another concern: hiring away from their new neighbours. At the end of the day, the McLeans did have to hire some previously employed people for specific skill sets, but McLean says they worked hard to avoid that.

"It would be a shame to take from pre-

existing businesses," said McLean. "We wanted to be the employer that adds to the community, not just shuffles people around and upsets the apple cart. And I think we did a pretty good job."

The McLeans approached the Haliburton Job Centre in November to assist them with hiring. More than 500 applications came in after the first advertisements went out and the job centre began filtering them through the couple's criteria.

"They did a fantastic job," said McLean. Canadian Tire first captured McLean's attention when it came up as a case study in one of his Brock University courses. He set out in a different corporate direction after university but about four years ago decided he definitely wanted to pursue a Canadian Tire franchise.

What stands out for McLean about the Canadian retail icon is the quality of the experience for employees and owners alike. He says it's such a great employer that

most Canadian Tire franchise owners are ex-employees, either from the corporate side or from stores.

McLean started out with the Nipigon, Ontario franchise, learning a great deal about operating a store in a small community. When he and Leigh-Ann began to think about change, internal company talk about a store going up in Minden caught their attention.

"We did our due diligence and determined that this was a great opportunity," said McLean. Steve, Leigh-Ann and their three children – Emily, 17; Cole, 16; and Alicia, 15 – had vacationed in the county a few times, but Steve says their decision to make the jump was based on feedback from others who knew the county better.

He and Leigh-Ann conducted their interviews over the course of the winter based on criteria that fits the Canadian Tire experience as well as their own high standards. While they still will need summer students, overall it wasn't difficult for the McLeans to hire, it was difficult to say "no" – so many people did not have enough retail experience. The McLeans finally had to pull back a little on the degree of retail experience they were looking for, but they didn't budge on attitude.

"We looked for people with a past strong work ethic and we looked for people who were just great people because we wanted individuals who were going to interact with the customers in a positive way," said McLean. "People that were going to be very gracious and smiling and just outgoing... That was really important to us."

The 14,000-sq-ft store will remain open seven days a week "even if there's 20 feet of snow," said McLean. It will host a Mark's Work Wearhouse, which is run independently at the corporate level and includes a separate gas bar with six pumping stations.

As to the effect the new franchise will have on the business community, he has spoken with a few of the local owners, including those whose product selection overlaps his own.

"If we do our job right, we'll be a stop gap,"

said McLean, foreseeing the store drawing in customers who might otherwise have gone to Bracebridge, Gravenhurst or Lindsay so that those dollars stay in the community for other businesses as well. "I hope everyone benefits from this."

One of the big benefits will be Mark's Work Wearhouse, according to McLean, who said he has seen a need when doing his own shopping and that he's as excited about Mark's as he is about Canadian Tire.

When it comes to excitement, it was hard to beat the energy of the new employees as they posed for a group photograph in their hard hats two weeks before the grand opening. Already they laughed and joked as though they'd all been working together for years, rather than weeks, getting the store ready for the big reveal.

Why did they join Canadian Tire? The obvious reason would be full-time employment with a highly respected company in a depressed market in a county

that has the second-highest unemployment rate of all 11 economic regions in the province (per Service Canada). But their enthusiasm spilled over as they added up the side benefits.

"It's a really good corporation to work for, lots of opportunities and

Steve and Leigh-Ann are just good people," said customer service representative Leeann Trickle, 33, whose background is in retail and business ownership.

Former warehousing, assembly and customer service worker Wayne Ferren, 40, is an assembler for the new store and said, "I appreciate the opportunity to start on the ground floor with a new store in a new place."

Ricky Alves, 24, a former warehousing and retail employee and property management business owner is the new sports and seasonal merchandiser. "I really approve of a company that stands by family values," he said. "They value their customers."

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# Senior highlanders

## Hands like leather

**Dear Penny,**

My hands have always been dry, but this winter was the worst. The skin on my fingers was dry and peeling and I had deep, painful cracks that actually bled. They're somewhat better now, but I don't want it to happen again. What do you suggest?

**Handy Hanna**

**Dear Hanna,**

The most common cause of dry, cracked hands is lack of moisture. As we age, our skin loses much of its resiliency. To that, add the dry heat in your home or office, the drop in humidity in our cold winter air and perhaps a hereditary tendency to dry skin and it all adds up to the condition you describe.

If you also happen to be keen on good hygiene and wash your hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs, you are also washing off whatever protective oils you naturally possess. As a result, your dry skin condition may be exacerbated.

Unfortunately, if you suffered with dry, chafed hands last winter, it is likely to happen again next year – unless you prevent it with proper care.

Of course, you want to protect your sensitive hands from damage, so it's important to wear rubber gloves for cleaning jobs and dish washing. You'll also want to avoid contact with astringents and harsh chemicals and protect your hands with gloves when you use them. Protection is the first step. Treatment is the next.

The best treatment for dry hands is to replace the moisture your dehydrated hands are missing and in spite of what the bottled-water people promise, according to the experts, drinking water will not help.

You must use a specially formulated cream to moisturize

your hands often. Once or twice a day is not enough. Moisturize morning and evening – and every time you wash your hands. In other words, moisturize your hands at least five or six times a day throughout the winter months.

Ask your pharmacist to recommend a good moisturizer for you. Use it often.

**Dear readers,**

Thanks to Sharon Virtue for her interesting letter about Crampy Grampy's leg cramps. I can't imagine why this solution might work, but I wanted to pass it on.

**Penny,**

I read the letter from Crampy Grampy in the April 24 issue of *The Highlander*.

We have a friend who suffered from leg cramps very frequently. Someone told him to put a bar of soap between the sheets at the bottom of the bed. He tried it and says it works like a charm. (Apparently Dove soap seems to work better than others.)

I know what works for one person may not work for others, but Crampy may want to try it.

**Sharon Virtue**  
*Algonquin Highlands cottager*

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# Highlander technology

## Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of April 30 – May 6.



### HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Down the Darkest Road* by Tami Hoag
3. *Calico Joe* by John Grisham
4. *Death Comes To Pemberley* by PD James
5. *The Accident* by Linwood Barclay

### HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
2. *Under An Afghan Sky* by Mellissa Fung
3. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre
4. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
5. *Drop Dead Healthy* by A.J. Jacobs

The only change to HCPL's hot reads lists this week is that *The Accident* by Canadian favourite Linwood Barclay is back. The Accident has been consistently popular at the library since it was released last year, but it has recently gained further momentum when it was included on the 2012 Evergreen shortlist. Linwood Barclay fans should note that he has a new book coming out later this year. The new novel will be called *Trust Your Eyes* and its tentative release date is early September. *Trust Your Eyes* will follow a schizophrenic man named Thomas Kilbride who is obsessed with online map surfing (think Google Maps Street View). One day, while virtually walking the streets of New York City, he comes across a window where it appears a woman is being murdered. It turns out that he has stumbled upon a deadly conspiracy – but who will believe him? Keep your eyes out for this novel this fall, but in the meanwhile, you can enjoy *The Accident* in print or e-book formats, available at your library.

### Library News

Starting on May 9 at the Dysart Branch, the Haliburton County Public Library will be offering business workshops through Contact North, Ontario's Distance Education and Training Network. The workshops will run every Wednesday. Refer to our website at [www.haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://www.haliburtonlibrary.ca) for a full list of topics and times.

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## The Computer Guy Spring Cleaning Your Computer

By David Spaxman

With spring arriving in the Highlands everyone gets in the cleaning mood. You open up the windows and air the place out. You dust off the patio furniture and clean the grill. But do you spring clean your computer?

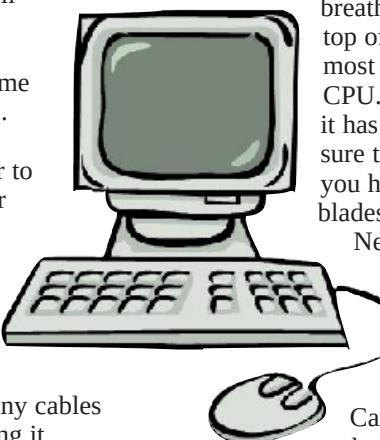
Over time, your computer can accumulate dust inside the tower that can cause component failure, fan failure and slow performance. It's always a good practice to take the time to clean the inside of your system before the fan dies or overheats.

The first tool you will need is a can of compressed air – so head on down to Home Hardware or The Source and pick one up. They usually run between \$10 and \$15. Next you will need a Philip's screwdriver to undo the screws on the side panel of your machine.

First, turn off your computer and if equipped, the master switch on the back of the tower, close to where the power plug goes in. Now unplug the power cord and any cables connecting it to external components. Do not leave any cables connected to your computer while cleaning it.

If you haven't cleaned your computer for a while (or ever), it would be a good idea to clean it outside or in an open garage. The job can get quite messy and you will want to work somewhere with adequate ventilation.

Now it's time to open your computer. Most machines have two or three screws holding the side panel on. If yours doesn't, it might be wise to consult your user's manual on how to open your machine. Also take note that



opening the case might void your warranty. Once you remove the screws, the side panel should slide off.

Never touch the inside of your computer unless absolutely necessary. You could discharge a static shock and damage vital components. Take your can of air and blow out the inside of your machine. Keep the can upright (an inverted can of compressed air can let out bursts of liquid which can cause damage). You may

want to wear a dust mask especially if you have breathing or lung problems. I like to start at the top of the tower and work my way down. The most important spot is the heat sink over the CPU. There usually is a fan attached to it and it has fins which need to be cleared out. Make sure to blow it out well and any other fans you have inside. Don't worry if you cause the blades of the fans to spin, this is normal.

Never use a vacuum or Swiffer type duster to clean the inside of your computer as it can cause a static discharge.

Once you've done a thorough cleaning check around the outside for any dust you might have missed. Carefully replace the sides, don't force

them and put the screws back in. Return the machine back to its original spot and plug in all your cables and power cord. If you flipped the master switch on the back, you can turn it back on again.

A clean computer will prevent unwanted expense and keep it running at peak efficiency. Next week, I'll go over spring cleaning the hard drive.

Any questions or comments email me at [computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca](mailto:computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca). Happy safe computing!

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# Highlander environment

## Making a difference one turtle at a time



Turtles, such as this Blanding's Turtle, are often run over as they leave the safety of water to lay their eggs.

Photo by Paul Heaven.

**By Frances** O'Flynn, for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

It seems turtles have always gotten a bad rap. It's not surprising. They're not cute or playful, they don't appear to have winning personalities and let's face it, turtles are painfully slow.

So why would author Jim White comment: "For an animal that's not fuzzy, the turtle is probably the most loved?"

Nowhere is the answer more obvious than in Karen Phipps's grades four and five class at Wilberforce Elementary School.

*Turtle Talk*, a new video commissioned by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, creates a visual poem to turtles of every stripe – from the lovely painted variety to a boulder-sized snapper – the pit bull of the reptile community.

The kids have wisdom to impart – little-known facts about turtles plus the sad truth that we humans are contributing to the decline of this 215-million-year-old animal. But the kicker comes at the end of the video when their teacher asks, "If you were a turtle what would you say?"

Some answers: "Don't hit me, don't hit me," "Please stop taking my habitat" and saddest of all, "Please don't hurt me."

Land Trust members will be able to see the entire video, which was made by Highlands Media Arts, at the

organization's AGM on Saturday, May 26, at 10 am at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Turtles are more ancient than lizards, crocodiles, even snakes; in fact, you'll find references to turtles in the Bible. Nevertheless, they've kept up with the times: Consider Crush from Walt Disney's *Finding Nemo* and of course, the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*.

That may soon end. Among the at-risk species in the Highlands are Blanding's Turtle, the Spotted Turtle, the Stinkpot (appropriately named for the musky smell it produces when handled), the Wood Turtle and our old friend, the Snapping Turtle.

Forget raccoons and coyotes, man is the turtle's primary threat. Not only have we systematically destroyed their habitat, but during nesting season (June) we regularly run over female turtles as they leave the safety of their water environment to lay their eggs on land.

Those who do make it across the road lay up to 70 eggs, in the case of the Snapping Turtle, of which maybe one or two might survive. The baby turtles themselves are vulnerable to any number of predators and road mortality is top of the list.

The Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre, located in Peterborough, provides medical care and rehabilitation to the

### Turtle Facts

- Many turtle species breathe through sacs opening off their digestive chambers, meaning that some turtles effectively breathe through their butts.
- Snapping Turtles jump and bite on land, but not in water where they are fast and graceful swimmers.
- Many turtles grow moss on their backs which helps them hide from predators.
- Turtles can live 100 years or more; the oldest is said to be more than 400 years old.
- Turtles are hunted for food or to sell as pets.
- A snapping turtle averages 20kg and 50cm across.

mostly female turtles injured in our area by careless motorists. The centre urges those who find injured turtles to call 705-741-5000 for a list of drop-off locations.

As Wilberforce teacher Karen Phipps points out in the video, we in the Highlands are privileged to live among such a great variety of species. We need to respect them and their habitats. In starting her Tuesday Turtle Talks, she was hoping her excited and engaged students would pass on their enthusiasm to parents and siblings, who will then become helpers and when safe, carry turtles across the road instead of grinding them under their wheels.

"We can make a difference, one turtle at a time," she says.

*Do you know an Enviro-Hero? You have just one day to nominate someone who has made a major contribution to the protection and sustainability of the Highlands' natural resources and the environment.*

*Winners will be honoured at the Land Trust's Wild About Nature Celebration of Environmental Excellence on the evening of Saturday, June 16, at the Haliburton Legion.*

*Nominations close on Friday, May 4. For more information, see [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca) or call (705) 457-3700.*

## Red Admirals in the Highlands

### Butterflies make an appearance

**By Erin** Lynch

Last week one of the biggest spring migrations travelled across Ontario. The Red Admiral butterfly is fairly common in the province, common in July that is.

But these black-bodied, fiery stripe creatures didn't hatch here. Hundreds of thousands rode a storm front from their breeding grounds in the Southern States. Local residents noticed the influx of butterflies at a time when the first few black flies are known to make an appearance.

"School had just finished and I was looking out a window watching children get on busses. In a matter of 10 minutes I counted 40 Red Admiral butterflies going North East," says

Ed Poropat, teacher at JD Hodgson Elementary School and the organizer for the annual Haliburton County butterfly count.

The Red Admiral can't survive the Ontario winters and therefore migrate south. Poropat says the drought-like conditions that have taken place in the Southern States the last few years has been broken with rain, facilitating mass hatchings.

"It's a survival strategy that happens with different species. Nature is a cyclical opportunist," says Poropat.

The Red Admirals will nectar on any flower they can find such as fruit tree blossoms, dandelions and coltsfoot flowers. The butterflies will lay eggs on stinging nettle. These will hatch and mature for a born-in-Ontario generation of adults later this spring. In Ontario, there may be two or three generations per year. After summer they will return to the

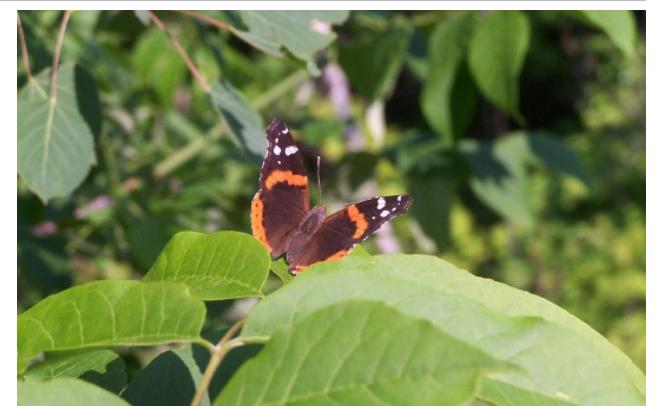


Photo by Dave Bishop.

States, always moving for food sources.

The annual Haliburton County butterfly count will be taking place this year on July 14. If you are interested in volunteering contact Ed Poropat at [ed.barb@sympatico.ca](mailto:ed.barb@sympatico.ca).

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## An African film night

By George Farrell

The Minden United Church was rocking to a different beat on the evening of Friday, April 27 as the Haliburton Grannies celebrated their 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation with a fundraiser titled African Film Night.

The Outloud Womyn, accompanied by the Abbey North Drummers, set the tone for the evening with beautiful songs, some of which were sung in Swahili. Emily Alexander, Kirsty Cook, and Aaiyah and Brittany Imesuen from Heritage Ballet performed a jazz number, which added to the atmosphere on the main floor of the church. Downstairs was resplendent with tables full of African artifacts and other silent auction items donated by members and people of the community.

The Grannies are one of many such community-based groups working to raise funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation to help turn the tide of HIV/AIDS for children and families in Africa. In that continent there are hundreds of thousands of children whose mothers are killed by the AIDS virus and are now looked after by their grandmothers. The granny groups were formed to assist those grandmothers and their grandchildren in their struggles.

The film portion of the evening started with a short, which featured Lewis's daughter Ilana Landsberg-Lewis, who has taken over from her father as the public face of the foundation. The film gave a brief overview of grassroots programs which are in place in Africa. After that Tammy Eubuen, the regional representative for the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Zahra Mohamed, the manager of the Grandmother's Campaign, gave brief talks of their experiences. Mohamed said that while visiting grandmothers' homes in Uganda, she "remembered most not the sorrow, but the joy of how they take care of the grandchildren."

Mohamed also mentioned that at one occasion the African grandmothers "stood up and delivered [to her] mangoes and bananas and cooked foods" as a symbolic gesture to the Canadian Grannies.

After a short break during which the silent auction was completed, the packed house was invited to stay for more films highlighted by the documentary *A Small Act* from director Jennifer Arnold.

The documentary stars Chris Mburu and tells the story of when Hilde Back, a Swede, sponsors a young, rural Kenyan student. She thought nothing of it at the time. She certainly never expected to hear from him, but years later she did. Mburu became a Harvard graduate and a human rights lawyer for the United Nations and decided to find the stranger that changed his life. Inspired by her generosity, he started a scholarship program of his own and named it after his former benefactor.

A surprise highlight of the evening was the introduction of Nancy and Rodger Cummins, who live in Toronto and cottage on Gull Lake. Mburu is their son-in-law and they helped to frame the story and were testament to how one small act can have an impact on the lives of others.

Peggy Cassils is the present spokesperson for the 50-60 member Haliburton Highlands Grannies group and she was very pleased with the African Film Night.

"We had pretty near a full house," she said. "The auction went very well and we raised in excess of \$2,800."

Since the local Grannies group was formed in 2006 by Mickey Bonham, Sue Reid and a group of their friends, the organization has raised close to \$45,000 – all of which has gone to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to help in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa.

If you'd like to help the Grannies contribute to the Stephen Lewis Foundation, call Peggy Cassils at 705-286-3226.

# Highlander community



Cold, wet and dishevelled – but successful, the students gather around some of the food items collected for the 4Cs food bank. Photo by Douglas Pugh.

## Famine success

By Douglas Pugh

It cannot be too often that starving children set a good example, but the kids at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School did just that last week with their 30-Hour Famine.

Despite persistent sleet and a chill wind, 10 teams scoured the town on their food drive, bringing in bags of non-perishable food items (mainly canned items) for the Haliburton 4Cs food bank.

Through the event, students raised over \$2,100 for World Vision Canada and set a record for food items collected.

## Senior Games bowls an opener

By Douglas Pugh

The Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) got their season underway on Sunday, April 29 with a packed house of bowlers at The Fast Lane in Minden.

With every lane filled in a first session, competition was intense with three teams travelling over from Bracebridge and Gravenhurst, another from Carnarvon and three teams from Minden Fast Lane. The top teams and individuals had it all to play for as they would progress to the provincial championships next.

"This is the second year that we have run this event at The Fast Lane," said organizer Doug McIntosh. "You can see



The gold medal winner, April Martin with Clare Obdam, Patricia Dickson, Barb Perog and Lesley Thacher.

that it's very popular. We've even had to run a few more teams later on in an exhibition category."

Deftly compered by Val and Andy Lennox of The Fast Lane, the day included a host of raffle prizes, excellent food and a high level of interest in the projected scoreboard as the scores were updated at the end of each round.

The OSGA has 15 kinds of activities lined up through the summer season and more than 25 events scheduled.

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## Membership for the Minden and District Horticultural Society

In the "Horticultural Heaven in Minden" article in the April 26 edition of *The Highlander*, the membership number for the Minden and District Horticultural Society was incorrectly reported. The group's membership is 80, not 18. The Highlander regrets the error.

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### **TheHighlander Community Calendar**

**May 3 - 9, 2012**

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**May 4 – June 22 –**

- Haliburton Highlands Toastmasters Club 1456253 presents an 8 week public speaking course, McKeck's Blue Line, 12 noon – 1 pm (times negotiable), led by successful Toastmasters, this course will help individuals from all walks of life to enhance leadership, speaking and negotiating skills, for information or to register contact Sybil in Minden – 705-286-2624 or Ruth in Haliburton – 705-455-9459

**May 9 –**

- Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild AGM, 1 pm, Stanhope Community Centre, Pat Stiver 705-489-3751
- May 20 – Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Property Owners' Association AGM, Firemen's Hall, North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, 12:30 pm – registration, 1 pm – meeting, members only (membership may be purchased at the door), contact Doug Palmer 705-489-3799

**Thursday – 3**

- Ready, Set, Off to K, OEYC Minden, learn easy activities you can do with your child to help them get ready for school, 705-286-1770
- Minden Health Care Auxiliary General Meeting, Fireside Lounge, Hyland Crest, Haliburton Hospital, 1:30 pm, new members welcome, for more information, call John 705-286-2481
- CFUW HH Card Party & Lunch, West Guelph Community Centre, 12 pm, \$20/person including lunch. Bridge, euchre and other card game players welcome. All proceeds to the CFUW HH Scholarship Fund. 705-754-1066

**Friday – 4**

- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, 705-457-2941

**Saturday – 5**

- Haliburton County Folk Society, Chris Whiteley & Diana Braithwaite, Dominion Hotel, \$10 by calling the hotel at 705-286-6954, or \$15 at the door
- Rail's End Gallery, 2-4 pm opening reception, Transitions Haliburton County Studio Tour celebrates its 25th anniversary with a group exhibition featuring new works by long-time members, new studios and even some familiar names from the past, www.railsendgallery.com
- Agnes Jamieson Gallery, opening reception, 1 pm, 10,000 Hours featuring gestural drawings and bronze sculptures by Oscar Ross

- AND Elemental Exposure featuring landscape paintings done on small panels in the outdoors which are then constructed into mosaics by artist Tony Cooper, continues to July 14, 705-286-2808

**Sunday – 6**

- Haliburton Concert Series presents the first concert in its 2012 season! Duo pianists Alessio Bax and Lucile Chung (Bax & Chung), 7:30 pm, Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Three-concert subscription series tickets are adults - \$50, students - \$25, and families

**Monday – 7**

- Monday Morning Walking Group, OEYC Minden, 10 am, start the week off by enjoying a walk along the boardwalk, down a nature trail or to the park, for parents and walking children or children in strollers, 705-286-1770
- Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 6-9 pm, St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-457-2260
- Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7-10 pm, admin@lakesidebaptist.ca
- Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, 705-457-2941

**Tuesday – 8**

- "K" Days, OEYC Haliburton, school readiness in Kinder Corner & Circle Time for children starting Kindergarten in September, 705-457-2989
- Meet the Nurse, OEYC Minden, 10 am – noon, 705-286-1770
- Wii, Community Care, Haliburton, 9:30 am, 705-457-2941
- Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4 pm to 5 pm, admission by donation
- Euchre Night, West Guelph Recreation Centre, 7 pm to 10 pm, 705-754-1457

**Wednesday – 9**

- Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9 am to 12 noon, equipment supplied, bring clean court/hunting shoes, contact Doug, 705-489-3850
- Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rail's End Gallery, 7:30 pm to 9 pm, 705-457-2330

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?**

**HALIBURTON Branch 129 - 705-457-2571**

- Wednesdays - 7 pm, Bingo
- Last Thursday of month - 1 pm, Ladies Auxiliary

**MINDEN Branch 636 - 705-286-4541, rclbranch636@hotmail.com**

- Mondays - 7:30 pm, Cribbage Night
- Wednesdays - lunch time Meat Draw

- Thursdays - 7:30 pm, Euchre

- Fridays - 5-7 pm, Fish & Chips Dinner

**WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - 705-448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com**

- Friday, May 4 – 5-7 pm, Ham & Scalloped Dinner
- Tuesday, May 8 – open 2 – 7 pm, after 7 pm, Members Only for General Meeting

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**3:00 pm THE GUANTANAMO TRAP** with special guest Thomas Wallner, producer  
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## Investing in mental health

By Lisa Harrison

Children's Mental Health Week (May 6-12) was created by Children's Mental Health Ontario to increase awareness of the signs of mental health problems in children and youth, decrease the stigma associated with mental illness and develop the understanding that help is available and it works.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we'll see media programming related to children's mental health issues – for example, TVOntario (TVO) is featuring specials throughout the week – but will we actually watch them?

In Haliburton County, health care services have partnered to provide an extensive network of support for children, youth and their families in order to help families avert childhood and adolescent mental illness, or to effectively deal with it if it develops.

At the hub of many of those services is Point in Time. Formerly known as Family Services of Haliburton, Point in Time was established to promote the well-being of children, youth and parents in the county.

Point in Time provides free, confidential and discreet counselling services. The non-for-profit, charitable organization works with numerous health and social services throughout the county including local family health teams, SIRCH, the YWCA and others to find the best support for each person.

"So even though we're the only children's mental health organization in the county, we're in partnership" with other support groups who can provide additional assistance, said Dan Bajorek, project manager. "When a child is hurting, it really should be the community banding together."

The need in mental health care for greater support such as partnerships and also for greater funding was made clear in the document titled *Making mental health matter in 2014 and beyond: It all begins with children and youth*, submitted in November 2011 to the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology by Ian Manion.

The intent of the submission was to impress upon the federal government the need to effectively make mental health care "an explicit focus" in the 2014 Health Accord. The reasons given include:

- An estimated 14 to 25 percent of Canadian children and youth suffer from a mental health disorder that can be diagnosed.
- Suicide has become the second leading cause of death in children and youth aged 15-24 in Canada; approximately one quarter of Canadian youth aged 13 to 18 years have seriously contemplated suicide; and mental illness has been documented in up to 90 percent of suicides.
- Half of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14, 70 percent appear by age 18 and 75 percent appear before age 24.
- Mental illness is the leading cause of disability in Canada.
- Mental illness costs the Canadian economy approximately \$51 billion each year.
- Major physical illnesses such as cancer have been linked to mental illness, which means the earlier the mental illness begins, the greater the chance for the person to develop more serious diseases in later life.

Mental health care professionals want greater focus on these issues because there is hope: the centre's submission estimates that "70 percent of childhood cases of mental health issues can be effectively addressed through early diagnosis and interventions that come from appropriate investments and access to treatment".

Even with better funding and treatment, there's still another pressure preventing children, youth and their parents from getting help: the stigma associated with mental illness.

"It can be scary any time you have to pick up the phone and call out," said Bajorek. He noted that people of all ages are more likely to talk to people they already know or not talk at all than to call a service such as Point in Time.

Bajorek said people are often reluctant to speak to their doctors, an excellent resource, because they're intimidated. High-speed internet is now available in many areas of the county and people can do research on their own – but that doesn't always fill the need.

"A live voice, someone who's been there" can make all the difference, said Bajorek. To reach Point In Time call 705-457-5345 (Haliburton) or 705-286-2191 (Minden).

## Rotary Radio Day!

The Rotary Clubs of Haliburton and Minden will be taking over the airwaves on May 10th from 6am through to 6pm. Rotary members are selling ads in support of their day and all proceeds will go to the good work of Rotary in the Highlands. Be sure to listen. You'll learn about Rotary, about local projects and have a chance to win some nice prizes.

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# Highlander life

## Bob Smith retires

A seven-year career with the county comes to an end

By Lisa Harrison

"You're the one."

Bob Smith, retiring Director of Economic Development and Tourism Marketing for the County of Haliburton, recalls this comment in the summer of 2010 from Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture (now Tourism, Culture and Sport).

It might or might not have been intended as a compliment. The dust was beginning to settle on the rocky road travelled by the County of Haliburton and the Ministry as a result of the new Regional Tourism Organization (RTO) process, which proposed splitting the county into two different RTOs. The Ministry eventually surrendered and left the county intact within what was known as RTO 11.

That summer when Smith and Minister Chan happened to meet at an event, the Minister told Smith he looked familiar. Smith explained and got the Minister's reply: "You're the one."

Successfully keeping the county intact in RTO 11 is perhaps the takeaway Smith is most pleased about in his seven-year tenure with the county. His office and the Haliburton Highlands Tourism board worked together to convince the ministry to budge, persisting even when told by senior ministry officials that their efforts wouldn't work.

RTOs were developed by the province to build and support competitive and sustainable tourism. RTO 11 was renamed Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO), one of two names Smith put forward.

As he reminisces, Smith fondly remembers collaborative ventures and the people in the county who make them work.

"One of the pleasures of working here in Haliburton County is the quality of the people," said Smith.

Smith came to the new director role as a long-time cottager, an engineering graduate who had held similar roles in Milton and Richmond Hill. He jumped at the chance to not only settle permanently in the Highlands but also to start a brand new department. "It was an opportunity I could not refuse."

Along with his own work experience, Smith brought experience gained through several industry associations to the director's role. He has held memberships in several economic development groups in the GTA, chaired the Greater Toronto



Bob Smith officially retired from his role as Director of Economic Development and Tourism Marketing for the County of Haliburton on April 27.

Area Economic Development Partnership and was a founding director of the Greater Toronto Area Marketing Alliance. He also served as president of the Economic Developers Council of Ontario and as a member of the Economic Developers Association of Canada.

Smith is the current president of the Ontario East Economic Development Commission (OEEDC).

Looking back, additional pleasant memories in Smith's career with the county include the doubling of the size and number of advertisers for the county's Destination Guide; creation of the annual Warden's Award; revision of the county map to include attractions and activities on the back; diversifying the county's advertising from one print source to several print media, TV and radio and more.

Smith's official final day with the county was Friday, April 27, although he was back in the office the following Monday to tie up any loose ends. At Smith's final council meeting on April 25, Warden Murray Fearrey presented him with a clock on behalf of council.

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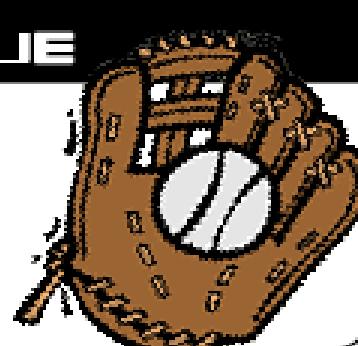



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- Well maintained Royal Home
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- recent upgrades

#### Pond - \$549,000



- The perfect getaway, great privacy
- enjoy this 82 acre property
- large 11 acre pond - canoeing & kayaking
- Colonial log home has it all
- heated garage is also Colonial log
- legal loft guest rm/studio for the artist



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#### Pine Lake - \$449,000



- 125 feet sand beach, 1.3 acre lot
- 3+2 bdrrs renovated year round cottage
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#### Irondale River - \$215,000



- 2+1 bedroom log home, 1,760' riverfront
- Wood floors, newer appliances
- Fully furnished, updated bathrooms
- 2 wood stoves, 200 amp electric
- Level shoreline, excellent swimming
- Extremely private situated on 14 acres

#### Burnt River - \$249,000



- 3 bedroom, large corner lot
- Open concept living/kitchen/dining
- Custom kitchen, slate countertops
- Main floor laundry, master w/ walk-in closet
- Full unfinished basement
- 2+ acres, snowmobile trails nearby

#### Country Setting - \$344,900



- 2 acres close to town
- 3+1 bedroom, 2.5 bath
- finished lower level walkout
- master with walk in and ensuite
- hardwood floors, brick fireplace

#### Portage Lake - \$399,000



- 481 ft frontage, 1.3 acre
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath
- private 4 season home/cottage
- 32' x 32' 2 story garage
- Ideal home business or studio



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#### Haliburton Lake - \$259,000



- Renovated 3 bedroom
- Open concept, cathedral ceiling
- 157 feet of sand and rock shoreline
- new dock, wood stove
- comes completely furnished
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- 153 ft, south west exposure
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- backing onto crown land
- sandy shoreline & deep diving
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- quiet lake with level sand shoreline
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- 800 sq. ft. decking, great view
- pine interior with large windows

#### Cul de Sac Privacy - \$209,900



- 3 bedroom bungalow level lot
- attached double garage
- re-shingled roof, new thermal windows
- lower level rec room, main floor laundry
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